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To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu, Jun 5, 2003 7:24 PM
Subject: Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

Senator John McCain
U.S. Senate
241 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Please tell the FCC to reinstate its traditional media ownership rules for the sake of competition and democracy.

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From: consciousliving@att.net
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Jun 5, 2003 7:26 PM
Subject: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

Dear FCC Commissioners and Chairman Powell,

cc: my members of Congress

I urge you to vote to protect the public interest by dropping the FCC's plans to end critical safeguards designed to ensure diversity of media ownership and to delay the unnecessarily rushed vote on media ownership scheduled for June 2nd.

Sincerely,
Constance Betton

Newport Beach, CA 92663

From: Bing/Carol Brown
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 12:19 PM
Subject: MEDIA OWNERSHIP

This is to request that you NOT change the rules concerning media ownership. My wife, Carol Gail Brown, and I believe the proposed changes would be distasteful for our country.

We both have been reporters for news media and have taught journalism at the university level.

We believe the proposed changes would radically reduce the competition between news outlets, resulting in a public that is less well informed. For example, if one owner has *all (or most) new outlets in a market*, there is little reason to spend money for staff or other resources. After all, if the public wants news, it can get it only from that owner's outlets.

Please delay your decision concerning media ownership. I believe you need more time to receive comments from the public.

James Carrington Brown III &
Carol Gail Brown
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Payson, AZ 85541
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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

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From: DuBose
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 12:20 PM
Subject: June 2 vote

I again urge you to delay the vote that would allow further media consolidation. Rupert Murdoch wants it. The American public DOESN'T want it! Your mandate is to serve the public - please do that!

From: Eric Ruthford
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 12:33 PM
Subject: Oppose ownership rule change

The Honorable Commissioner Abernathy:

I wish to express my opposition to the current proposal to relax media ownership rules. FCC regulations should continue to restrict the number of media outlets that one person or one corporation can hold. We must preserve the diversity of our media ownership.

Thank you,
Eric Ruthford
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Maple Valley, WA
98038-8461

From: T. A. Horst, Jr.
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 12:34 PM
Subject: Rule change

It bother me a great deal that you, collectively, would advocate the further concentration of the media. I believe in a fair presentation of both sides of any issue, be I for it or against it, but you have only to look at the reporting and editorial content leading up to the recent war to see just how far the media can go in lopsided news presentation. To concentrate further an already liberal media is wrong, and since the public found out about the proposal, the reaction has been mustly averse to the change. It is passing strange that the proposal received little or no publicity until very recently. Do you think that could have been the intent of the same media souces which would benefit from the change?????

Please do not make this change; either decide to let things aty as the they are, which is bad enough, or put off a decision for another couple of months so the matter can be debated openly.

Thank you.

T. A. Horst, Jr
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Mobile, Alabama 36608

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Lee Mares
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 12:46 PM
Subject: please reject media consolidation

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

Please reject the change that would allow the consolidation of media ownership. The major media are in too few hands already, and diversity of opinion is suffering.

Sincerely,

Lee Mares
Richmond, Va.

From: Kate Houston
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 12:48 PM
Subject: proposed FCC rule chang(es)

Chairman Powell, you should be ashamed of yourself! You are an employee of the nation's taxpayers, not a flunky for a few media conglomerates, regardless of how many junkets you've taken. [my dictionary defines "junket" as this: "3. A trip or tour, esp.: b. One taken by a person as the guest of a business or an agency seeking favor or patronage."] Your charge is to act in the best interests of ALL the citizens of this country, not to favor a select (and already very rich) few.

This is from MoveOn's email about your failure to serve the public:

> Powell has refused to even release the actual language of the rule change -- it won't be known until after the vote. And he's only held a single meeting to hear the views of the public. Even when a bipartisan group of Senators requested that he give Congress some time to discuss the impact of this change, Powell brushed them off.

Your refusal to allow a reasonable period of time for public comment on your proposed (but oh-so-secret) rule change is disgraceful. The fact that you also refuse to *STATE* the proposed rule is not only disgraceful, it's completely counter to President Bush's campaign promise to have a more open government. You're all a bunch of liars, cheats and crooks! The whole Bush administration should be impeached! (Ditto for most of Congress for allowing your complete disregard for the US Constitution and for the public's right to know in a timely fashion!)

This is an excerpt from your so-called "explanation" of why you "couldn't" delay the June 2 vote:

> In a letter, Powell thanked Commissioners Adelstein and Copps for their efforts to involve the public in the debate, explained why he was unable to grant the request, and announced an extension of the sunshine period to allow public debate to continue closer to the date of the vote.

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> I have given serious [HA!] consideration to the concerns raised in your letter and have solicited the views of the other Commissioners, Powell wrote. For reasons explained below, I must respectfully decline to postpone the planned June 2nd consideration of the Broadcast Ownership Biennial Review.

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> There is precedent for granting such a request, Powell continued, but it is not customary to do so over the strong objections of a majority of Commissioners [that would be 3 Republicans vs 2 Democrats] who are prepared to proceed, or where Congress has statutorily set the pace of our deliberations, as is the case here.

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> Media ownership rules are intended to protect and advance the cherished values of diversity, localism and competition, Powell wrote. These values and the public interest, however, are ill-served by letting stand a body of rules that are unenforceable [says who?!]. When the judiciary reverses our rules, especially ones intended to promote core First Amendment values, it is incumbent on us to repair the shortcomings as quickly as possible.

That last paragraph is total crap, and you know it! I'm so tired of the Bush administration's hacks, who use claims of "values" and "moral duty" to justify anything but! The phrase "even the appearance of wrong-doing" is apparently meaningless to you all. Your mutual disregard for the truth is unseemly at best. Your mutual arrogance and lust for power are not in the best interests of the taxpayers who pay your salaries! At

least Commissioner Copps attempted to hold public meetings to inform taxpayers of *your* [read "media conglomerates"] proposed changes and to allow the taxpayers to comment on those changes, despite the fact that there were no funds for such public hearings. Why was that, hmmm?! I'm sure you, as FCC Chairman, could have found the funds if you'd so desired.

I hope C-SPAN airs the June 2nd meeting. I'll be watching if that happens...

Disgustedly,

Kate Houston
Box 495
Ephraim, WI 54211

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Dane's Mom
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 12:49 PM
Subject: Mega-Media Ownership

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners,

Please do not weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of American media.

If that happens, one company may be allowed to own the local newspaper, several TV and radio stations, and the cable TV system in the same community. There would be fewer owners of networks, stations, and newspapers nationwide. What is left of our local papers and radio and TV stations would be sold to major conglomerates, leaving no locally-owned media outlets.

Media ownership would be concentrated among fewer companies, and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints would be compromised. Plus, it would likely result in higher costs for businesses that advertise in local media, and those costs would likely be passed onto consumers. The smaller, locally-owned outlets would not be able to compete with the media giants.

I urge you to vote against the rule change on June 2. The public comments submitted to the FCC by individuals have been overwhelmingly opposed to media consolidation. Americans understand that the public interest is not being served by deregulation that reduces competition.

Please re-instate the FCC's traditional media ownership rules for the sake of competition and democracy. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Angela Hixon
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Fairview Park, OH 44126

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From: NimrodGrl@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 12:53 PM
Subject: re june 2nd vote

Please delay vote until adequate discussion and public hearings regard this disposition of PUBLIC airways. For the good of the people not the corporations.
Anne Earhart

From: Tevis F. Morrow
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 12:55 PM
Subject: broadcast multiple ownership rules - FCC meeting June 2

FCC:

Allowing large corporate conglomerates to own more TV and radio stations is a BAD and DANGEROUS idea!!!

Big companies care about nothing but PROFIT, and the quality, diversity or social importance of programming is rarely important. A case in point, which is highly relevant today is that former Senator Gary Hart and the commission he worked on issued a unanimously approved report clearing stating the flaws in our nation's ability to protect itself against terrorist attacks; this report came out ONE YEAR before the September 11, 2001 attack on the WTC. Our politicians would not listen, but more importantly, our national media would not listen nor carry information on the crucial report. Had CNN, MSNBC, or ABC carried news on this report, American citizens might have heard and might have contacted their representatives, and increased the pressure to act. But no one knew because the big respected news networks were all owned by corporate giants, who usually care about nothing but ratings and profit. This is disgraceful, and a total disregard for any sense of social responsibility.

If we allow fewer big companies to own more stations, it will get much worse and much more dangerous. What if a media corporation gets bought out by an organization run by fundamentalist Christians? Then you will have automatic, arbitrary, and severe censorship of what every American is allowed to watch. Don't think this can't happen. Wal-Mart is owned by a religious fanatic, and after running local pharmacies out of many smaller towns, it IS dictating what pharmaceuticals local citizens are allowed to purchase. I have heard that certain forms of contraception, including the morning after pill are not carried due to the religious beliefs of the company's CEO. However, with no other pharmacies in business any longer, citizens are denied certain things, which they now cannot get elsewhere, as though they live in a religious state. The same thing can and will happen, eventually, if a few big corporations control 80% of the media. We are paving the way to go the way of countries under religious extremist regimes in the middle east. The only difference is that a few big conglomerates cram their agenda down everyone else's throats, instead of religious institutions. However, a religious institution is quite capable of acquiring a media conglomerate. Either way, the citizens of this country risk putting programming content into the hands of a few powerful people, who care only about ratings, profits, arbitrary censorship, or pushing their own narrow agendas down all of our throats.

This is VERY DANGEROUS proposal that you are considering this Monday, June 2.
PLEASE VOTE NO!!!

Preserve independent programming.
Do not allow more stations to be owned by fewer corporate media giants.

Tevis F. Morrow
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From: debbie white
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 12:58 PM
Subject: Television station ownership rule change

Please do not relax the rules on television station ownership!

If the FCC allows broadcast giants to own more local TV stations, they will be sufficiently insulated from local standards -- and control -- to the point that no one will be able to pull the plug on objectionable Programming.

Deborah White
(A concerned citizen)

From: HIrish@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 1:01 PM
Subject: June 2 decision on relaxing control by large corporations

Before you vote on June 2nd to loosen media ownership rules, please take a moment to consider what effect such a move will have on program content.

We know that television can be profoundly influential in the lives of innocent young children. It affects their perceptions, their world-view, their attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors. It is also a sad reality that children spend more time with the television than at any other activity except sleep. But huge mega-conglomerates aren't going to be concerned about how the programming they are putting on TV influences these impressionable youngsters. They're only going to be looking at their profit margins.

Further deregulation will not mean greater opportunity for competition. Rather, it will mean the opposite: More control of the airwaves by the few, with even less accountability to the market than they demonstrate today.

The concept of community standards is alien to the suits in New York. Their bottom-line programming philosophy means bottom-of-the-barrel programming, and quality be hanged.

Locally-based station owners in our own communities know better than network executives in New York and Los Angeles what is best for us.

I urge you to fully consider what is truly in the public's best interest, as opposed to what is in the best interest of a hand-full of major conglomerates. Please do not relax the media ownership rules.
Helen Irish, a concenred West Coast viewer

From: groseed
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 1:01 PM
Subject: Media Giants

Dear Sir,

I am concerned that you haven't allowed any time for public comments or very little at the least. I believe you need to slow down and give the public enough time to get involved and let there concerns be known.

You can't undue this decision once you have let the media giants buy each other out!

This smells of political barn storming instead of democracy.

John Gross

Johnstown, Nebraska

From: Bob Davis
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 1:02 PM
Subject: Media Conglomerates

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

I am writing to urge you to deny the changes that would allow the media conglomerates to control an even greater voice than they currently own.

Thank you,

Robert C. Davis
Bradenton, Florida 34209

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From: Joe & Diana
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 1:04 PM
Subject: Vote NO

Dear Commissioners,

I agree with commissioners, Adelstein and Copps.

I think democracy is at great risk.

Forgive me if this sounds harsh, but Ms. Abernathy, if your job is "to let them know how big they can get", then I would have to say you're already failing at your job because 7 is far too small a number of corporations to have so much power over what we see, hear, and read, right now! And you want to give them more power?

These 7 corporations have more than enough free speech. Protect the rights and minds of the average American people and please vote NO on Monday.

Thank You.

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San Jose, CA 95118

From: Bob Rosenthal
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 1:05 PM
Subject: Proposed changes in media ownership rules:

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

We vehemently object to the proposed changes in media ownership rules, and urge that these changes be voted down. The current 35% restriction of US households allotted to TV stations, and the current restrictions against one company owning combinations of TV, newspaper, and radio stations in the same market, safeguards against the potential of a few media conglomerates influencing /controlling public information. Please vote NO on your proposed changes for the industry, and YES, therefore, for the rights of us...the citizens.

Thank you.

Drs. Alice and Robert Rosenthal

From: Aaron
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 2:37 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC

Attention: FCC Commissioner Michel K. Powell, Chairman, and
Commissioners Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Michael J. Copps,
Kevin J. Martin, and Jonathan S. Adelstein.

Dear FCC Commissioners,

I am writing as a private citizen and as a retired public school teacher. I am very much concerned by the recent direction being taken wherein a few corporations own multiple media outlets and means. I doubt most American citizens know how dangerous this monopolistic and controlling tendency is. I sincerely hope you in the FCC will use your influence and power to work to see that this practice is not only stopped...but rolled back as well.

In my opinion--for an example of my concern--owners of newspapers should not be given a license to own another kind of outlet. We presently already have what amounts to a national scandal. I was recently shocked to see how Time-Warner and Disney had rooted themselves into other media. They exemplify many dangers. Extensive background investigations should clearly be made to see that the "tentacles of the octopus" do not reach into other media areas.

It seems to me that the threat to freedom of information and variety is too great. We common citizens depend upon you in the FCC to be good "watchmen" and to protect the interests of the common people and the common good.

Please vote "no" to the monopolistic tendencies currently being expressed and developing.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of my concern.

Respectfully yours,

Aaron Steenbergen

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Bakersfield, CA 93311-1408

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From: Hugh Chatfield
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 2:39 PM
Subject: Democracy must be nurtured.

Further consolidation of the controlling powers of our media will be detrimental to the future of this county. We exist only because a plurality of opinions existed in the thirteen British Colonies that rebelled against King George III. Please do your best to preserve a diversity of information. Remember, a democracy can only function and flourish with varied points of view.

Commissioner Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: jadelste@fcc.gov

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From: pat and sue mckittrick
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 2:48 PM
Subject: MEDIA MONOPOLY

Honorable Lady and Gentlemen;

It has been brought to my attention that there is a movement afoot before you to relax the rules under "Broadcast Ownership Rules" from media giants such as AOL Time Warner, Disney/ABC and Viacom/CBS.

If the proposed "Broadcast Ownership Rules" are adopted, independent voices may and could be snuffed out by Big Media. This would allow whole areas or regions of the country to be dominated by one media company as to what is allowed on the air and what is not. In the past Big Media has used their power to decide what viewpoints to allow on the air and which to censor. With their track record of keeping opposing view points off the air, Big Media should not be allowed to dominate the airways! Monopoly of the airways is not in the best interest of the American public, and if allowed, I believe, would be against the First Amendment.

Therefore, for the sake of America's freedom and our democracy, I strongly urge you each to continue the broadcast ownership protections (if not strengthen them) that in the past have helped to ensure a healthy political debate.

Sincerely;

Pat & Sue McKittrick

From: Casey Kretmar
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 2:50 PM
Subject: Please vote NO to looser media ownership

Please do not vote to allow any one company to own more stations in one market. Its not necessary and not fair to the public.

Casey Kretmar